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SUBJECT: DOL SEMINARS

REFERENCE: A. JUNE 27 DIXON TO LONDONO/KING LETTERS
B. JUNE 31 DIXON TO LONDONO/KING TELCON

1. SEMINAR DATES IN REF. B ARE ACCEPTED BY DOL.
 2. U.S. EXPERTS (RECRUITED FROM GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZED LABOR AND INDUSTRY) WILL CONCENTRATE ON WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH IN AGRICULTURAL, CONSTRUCTION AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES
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WILL REINFORCE PRESENTATIONS WITH LIBERAL USE OF AUDIO-VISUALS, AND WILL DISTRIBUTE SUBJECT RELATED PRINTED MATERIAL.

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3. BIO DATA ON U.S. EXPERTS WILL FOLLOW ASAP.
4. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE DOL BY AUGUST 25 OF ARRANGE-

MENTS MADE WITH MINISTRY BY PAO RE: SEMINAR SITE, HIRE OF INTERPRETERS, AND USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND OPERATORS (REF. A). COSTS OF INTERPRETERS, OPERATORS AND OTHER SEMINAR RELATED EXPENSES TO BE DEFRAIDED BY DOL.

5. (EL SALVADOR) DOL OFFICER ERNEST DIXON AND 3 U.S. EXPERTS ETA SEPTEMBER 9. PRECISE FLIGHTS ETA TO FOLLOW. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE 4 SINGLES AT CONVENIENT, MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL, SEPTEMBER 9-22.

6. (GUATEMALA CITY) EXACT ETA'S WILL FOLLOW.

7. NTE DOLS 2500 AUTHORIZED BOTH GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR TO DOL APPROPRIATION 6-67X201 FOR INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS, EXPENSES OF U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL, HIRE OF INTERPRETERS AND AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, AND OTHERS NECESSARY EXPENDITURES INCIDENTAL TO PRESENTATION OF DOL SEMINAR. NTE DOLS 100 OF DOLS 2500 FOR REPRESENTATION COSTS TO BE IDENTIFIED AND REPORTED SEPARATELY UNDER OBJECT CODE 2589. DOL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED JUNE 19, FAM, VOL. 4 SECTION 036.

8. AT CONCLUSION OF SEMINAR ACTIVITY, SF 1221, STATEMENT OF TRANSACTION, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO EDWARD BOND DOL/ILAB/AMS, ROOM S-5303, NDOL BUILDING, UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON, D.C., 20210. AUTHORIZING OFFICER FOR DOL FUNDS ERNEST DIXON AND JOHN LONDONO, EL SALVADOR, ERNEST DIXON AND RICHARD KING, GUATEMALA.

9. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SEMINAR OUTLINE. U.S. EXPERTS WILL CONVEY IN WASHINGTON, AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1 TO REVIEW. INVITE EMBASSY/MINISTRY OF LABOR COMMENTS.

WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH IN AGRICULTURAL, CONSTRUCTION AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES

EL SALVADOR - SEPTEMBER 11-23
GUATEMALA - OCTOBER 2-13

NOTE: SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 1 DEVOTED TO ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF AIFLD

FIRST WEEK

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (SEQUENCE OF APPOINTMENTS TO BE ARRANGED BY EMBASSY)

10. EMBASSY - MEETINGS WITH LABOR REPORTING OFFICER, PAO AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS TO REFINE SEMINAR OUTLINE, ARRANGE FOR USE OF NECESSARY AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT, HIRE OF INTERPRETERS, AND OTHER NECESSARY SEMINAR PREPARATIONS.

11. MINISTRY OF LABOR - REVIEW FINAL SEMINAR OUTLINE WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS FOR THEIR COMMENT; VISIT SEMINAR SITES, DISCUSS MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SEMINAR; DETERMINE NUMBER, LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION AND INDUSTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED BY EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS TO ENABLE U.S. EXPERTS TO GAIN SOME GRASP OF CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MINISTRY REGARDING WORKER SAFETY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HEALTH.

12. INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS COMMUNITY - MEET WITH BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS TO DETERMINE INITIATIVES IN PROVIDING SAFE AND HEALTH WORK SITES, EXTENT OF THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FIELD

- PLANT/FARM VISITS TO OBSERVE EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND WORK PRACTICES

- TRADE UNION LEADERS - OBTAIN THEIR CANDID ASSESSMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MEASURES AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR INFLUENCE IN SHAPING NATIONAL POLICY ON SAFETY AT THE JOB SITE.

SECOND WEEK

MONDAY - 9:00 A.M. -10:15 A.M.-WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

13. OFFICIAL WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF SEMINAR OBJECTIVE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF: U.S. EMBASSY, MINISTRY OF LABOR, COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY AND WORKER ORGANIZATIONS.

10:15 A.M.-10:30 A.M. - BREAK

10:30 A.M.-12 NOON - INTRODUCTION OF U.S. EXPERTS

U.S. MISSION MEMBERS (EXPERTS ON SAFETY IN AGRICULTURE, TEXTILES, AND CONSTRUCTION) WILL BE INTRODUCED AND EACH WILL OUTLINE HIS BACKGROUND IN PROMOTING SAFE INDUSTRIAL WORKING CONDITIONS.

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12 NOON - 1:30 P.M. - LUNCH

1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. - GOVERNMENTAL ROLE IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY HISTORY OF LEGISLATION IN THE U.S. ESTABLISHING SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AT THE WORKPLACE - EMPHASIS ON LEGISLATION DEALING WITH AGRICULTURE AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

2:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - BREAK

3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. - INSPECTION, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF COMPLIANCE OFFICERS, SELECTION OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR INSPECTION, INSPECTION AND MONITORING TECHNIQUES, PENALTIES FOR NON COMPLIANCE.

TUESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. - IDENTIFICATION OF HEALTH HAZARDS ON FARMS CONSTRUCTION SITES AND TEXTILE PLANTS;DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND CHEMICALS USED IN BUILDING, MANUFACTURING AND FOOD GROWING AND PROCESSING, AND HOW SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATE IN LABORATORY TESTING OF MATERIALS AND MEDICAL TESTING OF WORKERS AND CONSUMERS.

10:15 - 10:30 A.M. - BREAK

10:30 A.M. - 12 NOON - PROTECTING WORKERS FROM CHEMICAL HAZARDS;DESCRIPTION OF VENTILATION SYSTEM, FACE MASKS, RESPIRATORS, GLASSES AND GOGGLES, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND OTHER DEVICES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS.

12 NOON - 1:30 P.M. - LUNCH

1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. -DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR SAFETY BENEFITS OF "ENGINEERING SAFETY" IN DESIGN FOR PLANT
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CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES. PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE MACHINE GUARDING,ACCEPTABLE NOISE LEVEL, PROPER VENTILATION TEMPERATURE AND LIGHTINGS AND OTHER SAFETY FEATURES THAT CAN BE DESIGNED INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT.

2:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - BREAK

3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. - COMPANY SAFETY PROGRAMS.
EXPLORATION OF WAYS IN WHICH GOVERNMENTS, INDUSTRY AND
LABOR CAN COLLABORATE IN DEVELOPING WORKER SAFETY PROGRAMS
DESIGNED TO TRAIN THE INDIVIDUAL WORKER IN PROPER USE OF
MACHINE GUARDS, SAFETY CLOTHING AND SHOES, AND OTHER
PROTECTIVE DEVICES; AND HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT
A POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARD.

WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. - SPECIAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH PROBLEMS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY. ENTIRE DAY DEVOTED TO
THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF "BROWN LUNG" AND OTHER ILLNESSES
AND DISEASES PECULIAR TO THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY - THEIR
CAUSES AND PROVEN TECHNIQUES AND METHODS OF GUARDING
AGAINST THEM (LUNCH - 12 NOON - 1:30 P.M.; BREAKS 10:15-
10:30 A.M. AND 2:45 - 3:00 P.M.)

THURSDAY - 9:00 A.M.; - 4:30 SPECIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
PROBLEM IN AGRICULTURE (ALL DAY) DANGERS OF CHEMICAL
CONTAMINATION TO CROPS SOIL AND ENVIRONMENT. MEANS OF
PROTECTING WORKERS AND CONSUMERS FROM THESE HAZARDS.
SAFETY DEVICES, GUARDS AND SAFE USE OF FARM MACHINERY,
EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (LUNCH 12 NOON - 1:30 P.M., BREAKS
10:15-10:30 A.M. AND 2:45-3:00 P.M.)

FRIDAY - 9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. COST FACTORS IN
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PROVIDING SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT - COMPARISON OF
COSTS INVOLVED IN INSTALLING ACCIDENT AND DISEASE
PREVENTING DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT AS OPPOSED TO COSTS
RESULTING FROM LOST TIME OF WORKERS EQUIPMENT AND
PRODUCT DAMAGE, WORKMENS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND LAW
SUITS.

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. BREAK

10:30 A.M. - 12 NOON - REVIEW OF MATERIAL COVERED
DURING SEMINAR. OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLLOW-UP AND
CLARIFICATION.

1:30 - 2:30 - CLOSING CEREMONIES

NOTE: PRESENTATIONS WILL BE REINFORCED WITH SLIDES,
MOVIES, HANDOUT PRINTED MATERIAL. AN OPPORTUNITY WILL
BE PROVIDED FOLLOWING EACH PRESENTATION FOR FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONS AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. CHRISTOPHER

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